

more than seventy having a diameter of fifteen to twenty-five feet. Most of the trees have been named, some for famous generals of the United States and others for statesmen and various states of the Union. "The Father of the Forests," now down, is estimated by Hittel, in his *Resources of California*, to have had a height of 450 feet and a diameter at the ground of more than forty feet when it was standing. "Massachusetts" contains 118,000 board feet of lumber; "Governor Stoneman" contains 108,000 board feet, and the "Mother of the Forest," burned in the terrible forest fire which licked its way into a part of the grove last summer, contains 105,000 board feet. Each of these trees named grows as much lumber as is grown ordinarily on fifteen or twenty acres of timberland. The bark runs from six inches to two feet in thickness. Among the other large named trees in the two groves are: Waterloo, Pennsylvania, James King, Old Bachelor, Pride of the Forest, Daniel Webster, Sir John Franklin, Empire State, U. S. Grant, W. T. Sherman, J. P. McPherson, Abraham Lincoln, Connecticut, Ohio, Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Dr. Nelson, General Custer, Dr. J. W. Dawson, General Hancock, Knight of the Forest, Two Sentinels, and Old Dowd.

BROADENING.

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Mary may not have been of all
 Immaculate of mothers.
 May be the flash that blinded Paul
 Has blinded more good brothers.
 Perhaps from Patmos what John saw
 Was but a passing panic
 Of sea and sky disturbed by law,
 A spectacle volcanic.
 What if within Messiah lurked
 Some flaw that found correction?
 What if there were no wonders worked;
 And if no resurrection?
 Yet dreams and gleams as high as these
 Come, blessing and unsealing,
 To those who seek the verities
 And follow their revealing.
 And Heaven is his who now on earth
 Gives Heaven or tries to give it.
 There is no faith of better worth;
 And good believers live it.

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The name and the meaning of Aschera has offered many difficulties to translators of the Old Testament. Professor Smend regards it as a substitute for a holy tree. Professors Guthe and Hoffmann speak of it in a similar